GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF ONION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of the onion and tomatoes imported as well as exported, value and country-wise along with foreign exchange earned therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether there has been any adverse impact of excessive exports on their prices in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to impose any restrictions/ban on their export in view of their scarcity and rising prices in the domestic market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a): The data of export and import of onion and tomatoes during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Export

[Qty. in lakh MT and Value in Rs. Crores]

Commodity	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (April- September)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Onion	11.82	1780.26	13.11	1723.81	16.69	1970.16	7.27	1363.62
Tomatoes	0.66	115.09	2.67	470.30	3.44	533.05	1.34	304.38

Import

[Qty. in lakh MT and Value in Rs. Crores]

Commodity	2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14 (April- September)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Onion	0.125	30.71	0.00012	0.066	0.0045	0.30	0.080	17.50
Tomatoes	0.00062	0.20	0	0	0.00002	0.014	0.000019	0.010

Country-wise data of export and import of onion and tomatoes is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): Wholesale prices of onion had shown increase during the month of August, 2013 to October, 2013. But the prices have gone down considerably during November, 2013. Prices of tomatoes have also increased during the months of June and July, 2013 but gone down during August to October, 2013. The prices of tomatoes have again shown increase during the month of November, 2013. Government is regularly monitoring the prices all essential commodities including onion and tomatoes to ensure adequate availability for domestic consumption. In view of the rising prices of onion, with effect from 14.08.2013, export of onion was permitted subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US$ 650 per MT. MEP on export of onion was again raised to US$ 900 per MT with effect from 19.09.2013. MEP has been further raised to US$ 1150 per MT with effect from 01.11.2013.